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A PLAIN STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE

The Democrats are not, as the Republicans and their paid press try to make out, opposed to sugar-planting as an industry, nor are they trying to destroy that industry. They recognize, as most everybody in the Islands does, that for the present, at least, sugar is the backbone of the industrial and commercial prosperity of the Territory, and they want to see that industry flourish and continue to pay dividends.

But what the Democratic party does not want is to see King Sugar continued on his throne as an Absolute Monarch. The Democrats do not want to permit all the inhabitants of these Islands to be always ground beneath the iron heel of the sugar-planter. They want the sugar interests to have justice, but they also believe in guaranteeing justice to those who are not fortunate enough to have their safe-deposit boxes full of sugar certificates.

Sugar is King now in Hawaii and probably for some years to come sugar will continue to be the chief product of Hawaii. But sugar will not always dominate. Other industries are springing up and getting a firm foothold in the Islands and some day they are going to come into their own.

There is no reason for harming the sugar interests, so long as they behave themselves properly, so long as they are willing to permit other industries to flourish, so long as the sugar-planters do not try to grab everything in sight and ask for more.

But the Democratic party does demand a square deal for everybody, for the man who plants a little taro on his kuleana as well as for the plantation owner whose profits run into many figures, for the poor Hawaiian as well as for the rich haole, and for the poor haole as well as for the arrogant corporation. The Democratic party stands first of all for a Square Deal, for equal

rights to all and special privileges to none! Sugar is entitled to a square deal the same as any other business, but it is entitled to no more than is accorded to all others.

The Democratic party opposes assisted immigration not because it is favored by the Republican party, not because the sugar interests want it, not as a political measure, but because the Democratic party and those who wear the insignia of Democracy sincerely believe that assisted immigration is bad for the ultimate good of the Territory, that in the end it will prove disastrous, that even today it is unwise and certainly unfair to the laborers now resident in Hawaii.

If it can be honestly demonstrated that assisted immigration will result in the ultimate advancement of Hawaii, that it will help not only the sugar interests but all the other interests of the Territory, that it will better social, commercial, financial and moral conditions in these Islands—then the Democrats will be willing to stand for it and they will cease to oppose it.

It is nonsense to say that because a man is a Democrat or a Republican or a Home Ruler, he is either a fool or a knave. Only the Bulletin would be guilty of anything so inanely vicious. The Democratic party recognizes that the rank and file of the Republican party is entirely honest, that the Republican voters vote the Republican ticket from conviction, that they are as good men as if they were Democrats. But the Democrats believe, and believe sincerely, that the Republicans are mistaken. They want to convert them, and they believe that they have converted enough of them to make the coming election a Democratic landslide.

As to the Republican leaders—but let them rest. It is well to speak no ill of the dead! Requiescant in pace!

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YESTERDAY'S CRIME

Says the Bulletin: "The man who shoots to protect the integrity of his home commits no crime against good morals. And Honolulu is not lacking the need for lessons of this character."

The Bulletin is just the alleged newspaper that one might expect to stand for the cowardly packing of a gun by a man who is coward enough to have to pack a gun. But perhaps the Bulletin is taking into consideration the fact that no man can hope for justice while a man of the caliber of John W. Cathcart is city and county attorney. Perhaps the Bulletin is merely expressing the general lack of confidence in John W. Cathcart, the prosecuting officer whose duty it is to see that the law is enforced and to prosecute in such cases as it is violated.

If, on account of the fact that the city and county has a chief prosecuting officer who condones rape, winks at criminal assaults on little girls, and considers a year in jail on a vagrancy charge sufficient punishment for the most hideous crime that a man can com-

mit, it is considered necessary for husbands and fathers to carry revolvers to preserve the integrity of their homes, then crimes such as the one committed yesterday on one of the principal business corners of Honolulu are to be expected—and it is time that a new city and county attorney were elected. It is time that criminal assaults on little girls were stopped. It is time that serious offenses were punished in accordance with their seriousness. It is time that affairs of the Lane kind were brought to an end. It is time we had a prosecuting officer that can be trusted to do his duty.

The voters all know what kind of a man John W. Cathcart is. They know who is really responsible for the corruption of homes, the defiling of little girls, the gun-play on the streets of the city.

John W. Cathcart must be defeated and a man who can be depended upon must be put in his place. A vote for Wade Warren Thayer is a vote for decency, honesty and justice.

McCLELLAN'S POSITION ON PAVING QUESTION

Editor Democrat:—

Repeated statements, both oral and written, have been made to the effect that I have been an obstructionist while a member of the present Board of Supervisors, in that I have opposed the paving of Fort Street. In reply to these statements, I wish to declare that I have been, and am now, in favor of a permanent pavement in the downtown district, and of Fort Street especially. My opposition was grounded on business reasons, as will be evidenced hereafter.

The mainland representatives of the Bitulithic Pavement Company, while in Honolulu some time ago, told the Mayor that the business of his concern was primarily the sale of paving plants, and that it was prepared to sell such to any person, corporation or municipality as might care to buy one. It is only necessary to refer to numerous advertisements which appear in the leading engineering and technical journals throughout the United States to prove this, and such is direct contradiction to the assertion of the local agent of the paving company referred to above, that if the county wanted the bitulithic pavement, they could obtain it only through a contract with his company, and that the county could not get competitive bids on this class of pavement.

Furthermore, in a court decision in Chicago involving an ordinance to improve a street with bitulithic pavement, the court held that the two-inch wearing surface is only a part of the whole improvement, and that, although this material is patented, yet, since the right to use it is open by purchase to all, competition is not barred by specifying this pavement. I believe that all paving contracts should be let out on bids, and that no one company or agency should enjoy a monopoly in this line. At a meeting of the Board on May 17, I submitted data showing where this very pavement was being laid in several cities in the United States at from two dollars to two dollars and twenty-five cents per square yard on a four and five inch concrete foundation; whereas, under the Bitulithic Paving Company's proposed contract the County would have to pay three dollars per square yard, and that with a mere six inch rock fill foundation, the county to do the grading and sell this company the rock at a loss of twenty cents per cubic yard at the quarry.

Since then I have secured figures from Portland, Oregon, showing that bitulithic pavement is being laid in that city at a cost of \$1.85 per square yard on a five inch concrete foundation.

ISLAND OF HAWAII IS STRONG FOR McCANDLESS

Advices have been received by Chairman Charles McCarthy of the Democratic Campaign Committee from one of the most prominent Republicans on the Island of Hawaii, to the effect that Kuhio will be completely snowed under on that Island.

Kona is solid for McCandless, he says. Kohala is lost by the Republicans. In Kau McCandless has everything his own way, and in all other

Figuring on 5500 square yards, I also showed where the county could import a Goodwin bituminous mixing plant from Chicago, or a plant from the Link Belt Company in the same city, and lay down this pavement at a much less price than the bitulithic, even including the cost of the plant, which, of course, the county would own and which would be available for future work; while, under the contemplated contract, repair work would have to be done through this company at a price fixed at the time of signing the contract, thereby preventing the county from taking advantage of any better price which might be quoted in the future by competitors for doing such repair work, or from doing the work itself.

I also opposed the projected paving ordinance because of the condition of county finances. At that time, I presented figures to the Board showing them the state of the county finances, and pointed out to them that it would run short of money were the county to incur itself through a large paving contract. The contention which I made at that time has since been borne out by facts. Even without incurring this paving expense, the supervisors have had to make heavy retrenchments on all road work, and the same demand confronts them at this moment. At the rate at which the board is spending money, it will find itself facing a shortage of from five to six thousand dollars at the end of the term, unless expenses are curtailed during November and December.

Besides this, the Board has spent all the license tax fund—a sum of \$65,000. One-half this amount, or \$32,500, should have been left over for the incoming board, unless they are expected to do as efficient work as the old board with the handicap of a large shortage at the beginning of their term. With this deficiency, and the fact that the road tax money will not be available until the middle of March—even with the so-called clean-up at the end of this period and the amount which will be allotted the new board by the Territorial auditor—there will not be enough funds to carry on the business of the county for the next six months in accordance with established precedents and appropriations. Such condition hardly warrants a large further expenditure at this time.

In other words, I favor the paving of the down-town district, but not at this time, nor at the price, nor in the manner advocated by the paving company above referred to.

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parts of the Big Island McCandless' strength is increasing day by day. Kuhio has no chance whatever on Hawaii. The Republicans have been trying to hearten up their supporters by publishing fake wireless messages from Hilo saying that Kuhio will win on that Island, but there is no truth whatever in the reports. The messages are simply fakes.